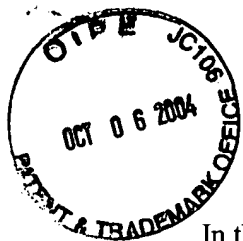


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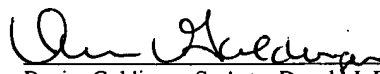
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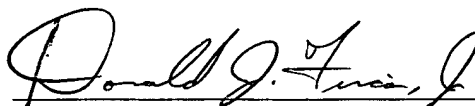
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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated September 9, 2004. The one month period for responding to the Office action expires on October 9, 2004.

Applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-20 and 28-31) drawn to a spring, with traverse. Since the method of making a spring as claimed in the Group II claims results in a spring comprising an outer layer similar to the spring claimed in the claims of Group I, applicants respectfully submit that the two groups of claims can be properly examined together. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

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